

## Lennox, Hermosa Beach school districts issue layoff notices

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Layoff notices have been issued to 49 Lennox School District employees, including 45 temporary teachers signed to a one-year contract.

The decision will not have a significant impact on class sizes, Superintendent Bruce McDaniel said.

Other employees receiving preliminary notices include school counselors. The pink slips come as the K-8 district grapples with a \$2 million budget gap over the next two years.

The Hermosa Beach City School District has also issued preliminary layoff notices to 18 employees, including nine teachers. The notices represent a funding cut of \$1.5 million for the K-8 district and will bring average class size ratios to 30-to-1.

Public school districts across California are looking for ways to cope with cutbacks in state

funding. Although districts aren't required to submit a final budget to the Los Angeles Office of Education until June 30, preliminary layoff notices must be sent out to teachers by March 15.

Notices sent out before the deadline can be rescinded by May 15.

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